

Hello my name is Maria Domingue and I have been a provider for over 30 years. There are many issues for which there is no easy answer, but plenty of strong feelings. We as caregivers in the State of Montana have rules and regulations to follow and one of them is immunization for the children enrolled in our programs.

I strongly feel that vaccinations should be given to keep the children from getting diseases that have not been eradicated. It is the responsibility of day care provides to decide on what is best for the welfare of all children enrolled in their care.

Will the legislation compensate childcare providers for loss of income due to the spread of the uncontrolled disease? And should parents be compensated for their sick child that is too young to receive vaccinations?

We all need to understand that there are diseases out there that are a part of life. We need to face the reality of childhood diseases. And we as providers need to provide to the best of our ability a safe, and healthy environment for all children enrolled. The passing of this proposed bill will create a harmful environment for our children.

I urge members to vote against HB227. Our children are the stepping stones of the future.

Sincerely,

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